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"(c) Individual assignment varies from ½ to 6½ acres.

"(d) Some Muslims have encroached on a small extent by trespass.

"(e) Action is being taken under the Land Encroachment Act to evict them.

"(f) There are 79 members of Scheduled Tribes who have occupied land without assignment being made in their favour. The land, being a large hill-block, the Revenue Inspectors and Taluk Surveyors found it difficult to subdivide the plot. The Government have therefore sanctioned a post of Special Surveyor exclusively for attending to this work. Assignments will be made as soon as the block is split up and the encroachers are evicted."

Channel from the North Bank Canal, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1065 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal with the Public Works Department River Conservancy, Tiruchirappalli district to investigate the possibility of taking a channel from the North Bank Canal at the point of off-take of the present Thottiam Chinnavoikkal;

(b) the stage at which the investigation of the said proposal stands; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take it up during the current year?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) The answer is in the negative.

"(b) & (c) Do not arise."

Harijan elementary schools in certain villages of South Kanara.

* 1066 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal to open Harijan Welfare elementary schools at (1) Panathur in Panathady village, (2) Chalangal in Pullur village and (3) Eleri in Eleri village; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter is?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The proposals have been deferred."

Return of the son of Syed Fazal to Malabar district.

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI C. AHMED KUTTI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government of India have sought the opinion of the State Government regarding the return of the son of Syed Fazal (heirs of Mampram Mosque and properties in Ernad taluk) to Malabar district, and if so, what was the reply given by the State Government?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Government are unable to disclose the contents of the correspondence referred to, as they are confidential and it would not be in the public interest to do so."

Vyasarpady tank, Perambur, Madras.

* 1068 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a scheme to convert the Vyasarpady tank in Perambur, Madras City, into a house-site; and

(b) if so, when the scheme would be put into operation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes. The Government have directed the Corporation of Madras to prepare, publish and submit to the Government for their sanction the Vyasarpady No. III Area Town-Planning Scheme. The scheme envisages the reclamation and development of the Vyasarpady tank bed area as house-sites.

" (b) The scheme will be put into operation after it is prepared and submitted to the Government by the Corporation and after it is sanctioned by the Government. The Corporation will prepare the scheme as early as possible."

Patamata Pumping Scheme, Krishna district.

* 1069 Q.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the area contemplated to be brought under cultivation in the Patamata Pumping Scheme (Krishna district); and

(b) the area cultivated in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) An extent of 500 acres.

" (b) The scheme in question has not yet been completed and brought to beneficial use so as to facilitate the cultivation of paddy. An extent of about 475·97 acres has been under cultivation during 1952–53 with commercial crops."

Ammayapathi Drinking Water-supply Scheme for Pudukkottai town.

* 1070 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Pudukkottai Municipal Council has recommended and submitted a scheme known as 'Ammayapathi Scheme' to solve the drinking water problem of Pudukkottai town population;

(b) if so, whether the Government have implemented the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?